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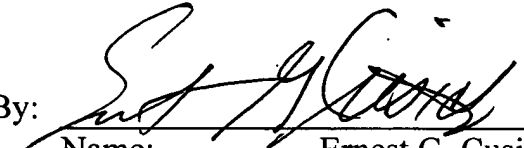
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I hereby certify that General Electric Company of 1 River Road, Schenectady, NY 12345 is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors to the aforesaid assignee, a copy of the assignment being attached and/or recorded at the United States Patent Office on April 1, 2003 at reel 015171, frame 0849.

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ASSIGNMENT

In accordance with obligations entered into pursuant to an Employee Innovation and Proprietary Information Agreement or other agreement and/or for other good and valuable consideration of which we acknowledge receipt, we, Thomas Robbins Tipton and Nicholas Francis Martin, Jr., of 107 Innisbrook Lane, Simpsonville, South Carolina 29681; and 14 Wiseton Court, Simpsonville, South Carolina 29681; hereby sell and assign to General Electric Company, a New York Corporation, having an address at 1 River Road, Schenectady, New York 12345, USA, (hereinafter referred to as "Company"), its successors and assigns our entire respective right(s), title(s) and interest(s) in and to the invention and improvements invented and originated by us and described in the application for United States Patent currently entitled COMPRESSOR BLADE PLATFORM EXTENSION AND METHODS OF RETROFITTING BLADES OF DIFFERENT BLADE ANGLES and 143241

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Name: Chandresh R. Shah Date: March 16, 2004
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This 15 day of March, 2004, before me personally came the above-named, Nicholas Francis Martin, Jr., to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.


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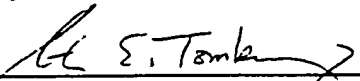
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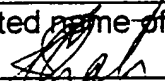

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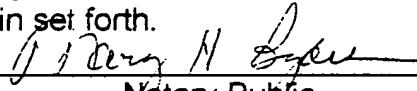
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